

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A prosthesis for replacement of a ball and socket joint in the human body. The prosthetic components comprise a shaft, having a body, a neck attached to the ~~said~~ body and a ball attached to the ~~said~~ neck, the shaft being insertable through a hole in the femur of the patient and receivable in the cup of an acetabulum, attached to a bone in the human body, for movement therein.